

MINUTES OF THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING

Monday, April 15, 2013 – 9:00AM

Present: Ronnie Harrill, Chairman, Kim Warner, Vice-Chairman; Danny Wells, Secretary; Jim Huffstickler; Phillip Miller; Mike Parton and Planning Director, Danny Searcy along with County GIS Manager, Katie Doherty.

Call to Order, Welcome and Prayer by Chairman Harrill

Minutes of last meeting: Motion to approve by Danny Wells, second by Phillip Miller; unanimously approved as mailed

Chairman Harrill invited the Hicks Grove area guests in the audience to participate in the discussion regarding changing the road name and exchanged introductions between the board and guests.

**New Business:**

- Hicks Grove Rd: Discussion on re-naming for E-911 purposes:  
Chairman Harrill opened the floor for comments from the audience. Ms. Jana Waters shared that the residents along this road had researched multiple names, many of which were not available in the Emergency 911 system, due to already being used in other areas of the County. They came to agreement on "South River Rd." with unanimous support from all property owners along this road. There was some very positive discussion that resulted in the most pleasant exchange of business because of the overwhelming support from the community.  
Motion that this Planning Commission recommend to the County Commissioners the road name be changed to "South River Rd." The Planner noted that the following steps will be: This recommendation goes to Commissioners for a public hearing held May 6 at 6:00 pm in this same room. There will be two signs posted along this road, notice in the newspaper and in the courthouse. Once adopted both Forest City and Mooresboro post offices (Postmaster) will be sent written notification of the road name change. Any board of transportation for this area, the E-911 communications office/dispatchers, and lastly the NCDOT will be notified with the request for a new SR# assignment. Katie Doherty has been very helpful and the board extended a very special thanks to her help on this matter.
- Rail Trail – Main Street, Forest City – Staley Pallet  
Vice-Chairman Kim Warner reported to this board the trespassing of Staley's pallet company in their tractor trailer's of items along the rail trail. The property is between Spindale and Forest City so their zoning does not apply to this problem. The County's

GIS system reflects that the County owns this corridor between the street and fenceline. Kim shared a picture of this problem and asked if this board will support eliminating this eyesore and task the Planner to ask County leadership to send a letter to cease and desist. The Planner pointed out that due to the County's unzoned nature, there is no local nuisance ordinance, however because of the County's involvement in ownership this letter may be possible and he will check with the County manager and attorney to confirm how to proceed, then report back to this board.

**Old Business:**

GREYROCK Update from Odom Engineering:

David began with sharing a revised map handout and brief discussion and timeline discussion. Project 6 grading is underway in a big way now. Thus far, we have not encountered nearly the challenges we encountered in Project 5 (undercut, wet soil, rock). This project will proceed at a much faster pace for these reasons as well as the fact that spring has arrived.

Project 7 clearing will begin later this week.

Project 8 is to be rebid on March 28.

Have received the erosion control permit for Project 4B.

Anticipate beginning construction on Project 3B in about two to three weeks. We will have a preconstruction meeting with NCDENR prior to beginning that project.

We received the final permit from the Army Corps for all Phase I stream impacts. The remainder will be paid for with Project 8.

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Adjourn – after a call for any questions or discussion Chairman Harrill called for adjournment.